



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Bellefonte, PA 16823

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Pipe called the Board of Commissioners' meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

In attendance were Commissioners Michael Pipe, Chair; Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair; Steven G. Dershem, Commissioner; Administrator, Margaret Gray; Deputy Administrator, Natalie Corman; and Executive Secretary, Natalie Bird.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives from the news media included Leon Valsechi, Sean Yoder, and Jackie Padilla.

Visitor(s) present included Jerry Regan and Scott Heckman.

County Personnel present included Chuck Witmer, Faith Ryan, and Tom McDermott.

CNET staff were present.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Commissioners' meeting held Tuesday, May 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

V. BID OPENING

Chuck Witmer and Scott Heckman opened bids received for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) flood work involving deposition/debris removal and stream stabilization. Bids were due to the Controller's Office by 4:00 PM on Monday, June 5, 2017. The following bids were received:

Kevin E. Raker Construction LLC, Sunbury, PA		Pinnacle Erosion Control, Inc., Centre Hall, PA	
CEN 16-001	\$149,503.23	CEN 16-001	\$175,000.00
CEN 16-002	\$105,313.16	CEN 16-002	\$63,100.00
CEN 16-003	\$74,712.26	CEN 16-003	\$44,225.00

Steven E. Krieger Excavating, Saxton, PA		Ameron Construction Co. Inc., State College, PA	
CEN 16-001	\$129,900.00	CEN 16-001	-
CEN 16-002	\$33,000.00	CEN 16-002	\$50,980.00
CEN 16-003	\$24,900.00	CEN 16-003	\$38,860.00

VI. PRESENTATION

The Board welcomed Jerry Regan, President of the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation. Their mission is to promote wildlife conservation and education in Pennsylvania. One program they help fund is Seedlings for Schools, an educational program for all schools in the state. Through this program there have been over 900 schools participate, 17 of them in Centre County. The foundation is working to create a wildlife scholarship fund and recently started producing a publication *Pennsylvania Wildlife*. In Centre County they have started the Tom Ridge Wetlands project, this covers 135 acres, will include an accessible trail, and wildlife observation blinds.

VII. ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Liquid Fuels – Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve a Liquid Fuels application from State College Borough in the amount of \$50,000 for construction of a pedestrian/bicycle refuge island at the intersection of Park Avenue and McKee Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved – Dept. 411.
- B. Commissioners – Margaret Gray asked the Board to consider approving a contract with Service Access and Management Inc. for financial management transition consulting services. The cost is \$3,000 per month commencing June 1, 2017. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved – Dept. 111.
- C. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the check run in the amount of \$2,508,872.27 dated June 2, 2017. \$2 million of the check run was for debt service payment on outstanding bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEADS – DIRECTORS – GUESTS – Commissioner Higgins made a motion to move the following items (A-B) to the Consent Agenda for June 13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

- A. Adult Services – Faith Ryan requested that the Board reviews the PHFA Grant Agreement for the awarded \$26,000 to Centre County Office of Adult Services. This money, leveraged with Human Services Block Grant funds, will be used during FY 17-18 to expand the existing Homemaker Services Program for disabled adults, between

18-59 years who are often vulnerable to homelessness and/or near homelessness. The grant total is \$26,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 501.

- B. MH/ID/EI – Tom McDermott requested that the Board reviews the following items:
- i. Addendum No. 1 between the County and the Youth Service Bureau. This addendum will allow for funds to provide additional early intervention services in the amount of \$2,000, increasing the contract maximum from \$5,000 to \$7,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$6,300 and County \$700 for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 – Dept. 561.
 - ii. A letter of agreement between the County and Central Intermediate Unit #10. Services provided include special instruction (hearing), special instruction (vision), and interpretation services for the early intervention population. The total agreement is for \$10,000 with the funding as follows: State \$9,000 and County \$1,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
 - iii. A letter of agreement between the County and the Youth Service Bureau. Services provided include special instruction for the early intervention population. The agreement total is \$5,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$4,500 and County \$500 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
 - iv. A letter of agreement between the Law Office of Denise M. Bierly and the County. Services provided include legal counsel for mental health and intellectual disability commitment hearings. The agreement total is \$5,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$4,770 and County \$230 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
 - v. A letter of agreement between Tracy Small and the County. Services provided include duties associated with the Crisis Intervention Team (trainings, meetings, participation on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board, etc.). The agreement total is \$28,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$26,709 and County \$1,291 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
 - vi. The Administrative Entity Operating Agreement between the Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, and the County. This serves as the business agreement allowing counties to conduct the administrative functions of the Consolidated and Person/Family directed waivers for individuals with intellectual disabilities. This agreement is for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

- IX. CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the following (A-C) items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.
- A. Human Services – Request that the Board approves the FY 2017-2018 Human Services Block Grant Plan and Budget – Dept. 111.
 - B. Tax Collection – Request that the Board approves amending a motion made May 25, 2017, Item #IV:A, from request for signature on Rider to be attached to Bond No. 57 S 101158913, adding Matthew T. Foster as Rush Township Tax Collector, effective retro to January 9, 2017 to request for signature on Rider to be attached to Bond No. 57 S 101158913, adding Matthew T. Foster as Rush Township Tax Collector and deleting Jennifer Romano, effective retro to January 9, 2017 – Dept. 122.
 - C. District Attorney – Request that the Board approves purchase of the furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the District Attorney's Office in Temple Court. Estimated cost from Nittany Office is \$130,600 – Dept. 221.
- X. TOURISM/HISTORY
- XI. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)
- A. Commissioner Higgins announced the Altoona Community Theatre Isaac Awards Program that was held on May 27th and May 28th. This year they had twenty schools participate from six counties and local high school students received \$55,000 in college scholarships. During the two day event Centre County students were recognized for 16 awards.
 - B. Commissioner Higgins shared photos from the SpringBoard Business Incubator Grand Opening event held on May 25th.
- XII. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
- The following correspondence was received in the Commissioners' Office and will be handled appropriately.*
- A. Commonwealth of PA – Grant in Aid \$59,109
 - B. Bernie Cantorna for District Attorney – Transition
 - C. Leadership Centre County – Pass the Torch Thank You
 - D. PA Department of Human Services – Compliance Monitoring
 - E. Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority – Newsletter
 - F. Juniper Village – Upcoming Events
 - G. VFW Post 1600 – Memorial Day Service
 - H. Penn State Government Affairs – Event Invitation
 - I. Walker Township Fire Company – Annual Fund Drive
 - J. Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology – Graduation Invite

- K. CCAP – Legislative Bulletin
- L. Opportunity Centre Clubhouse – Thank You
- M. Pennsylvania State Police – FirstNet Authority Appointment
- N. Commonwealth of PA – MDC \$253.40
- O. State College Community Land Trust – Thank You

XIII. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Alex Spangler of Boy Scout Troop 34 of the Juniata Valley Council earned the Eagle Rank. A Court of Honor was held on Saturday, June 3rd to recognize this achievement.
- B. Kyle Behnken of Boy Scout Troop 83 of State College earned the Eagle Rank. A Court of Honor was held on Sunday, June 4th to recognize this achievement.

XIV. C-NET REQUESTS

XV. REPORTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Dershem reported there are 107,775 registered voters in Centre County. The featured precinct this week is Ferguson Township North East 1 #45 with 1,861 registered voters. They had 327 ballots cast in the municipal primary election with a 17.57% voter turnout.
- B. Announcements
The Centre County Commissioners and the Bellefonte Borough Council will hold a joint Town Hall meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on the third floor of the Courthouse Annex in Bellefonte.

XVI. There were no executive sessions to report.

XVII. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

BOC – 10:00 AM – Room 146 WB

Department Head Meetings – 1:30-4:30 PM – Room 144WB

Wednesday, June 7 2017

SD – Aging Advisory Council – 9:30 AM – Room 146WB

BOC – CCIDA/CCGA – 3:30 PM – Room 144WB

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Prison Board of Inspectors – 8:00 AM – Centre County Correctional Facility

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB – AS NEEDED

Department Head Meetings – 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM – Room 144WB

Friday, June 9, 2017

SD – Centre County Youth Center Board Meeting – 9:30 AM

XVIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Last day to withdraw by candidates nominated by nomination papers.

Monday, August 14, 2017

Last day to withdraw by candidates nominated at the primary.

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Last day to REGISTER before the November election.

I. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

- II. Motion by Commissioner Higgins to move into executive session at 10:58 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved. Executive session was adjourned at 12:15 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator